

BEFORE
THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF
SOUTH CAROLINA
DOCKET NO. 96-347-C - ORDER NO. 97-92
JANUARY 30, 1997

IN RE: Request of BellSouth Telecommunications,) ORDER
Inc. for Revisions to its General)
Subscriber Services Tariff.)
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This matter comes before the Public Service Commission of South Carolina (the Commission) on the investigation of BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. (BellSouth) Tariff No. 96-348.

On October 14, 1996, BellSouth filed to revise in its General Subscriber Services Tariff BRI ISDN service, i.e. ISDN Business Service (IBS) and ISDN Residence Service (IRS) to a Flat Rate Threshold Pricing Plan. Under the provisions of the tariff existing subscribers with these offerings would maintain service under standard obsolescence conditions.

This tariff was filed was filed in compliance with the BellSouth Alternative Regulation Plan as approved by the Commission in Order No. 96-19. Under this Plan, changes to the terms or conditions for Non-Basic services shall be presumed valid and become effective on fourteen (14) days notice. However, the Commission may, on its own motion or in response to a petition from an interested party, investigate whether a tariff is in the public interest, even while the tariff is in effect.

On November 7, 1996, the Commission granted a Staff Petition for investigation related to this tariff filing. The Staff filed this Petition due to numerous comments and criticisms by members of the public with regard to this tariff filing.

The Commission established a proceeding in the matter. South Carolina Supernet, Inc. and Info Avenue, LLC both intervened in the matter.

Subsequently, prior to the time of the hearing, South Carolina Supernet, Inc. entered into a Stipulation with BellSouth, and Info Avenue, LLC moved for leave to withdraw its Petition to Intervene.

The Commission hereby recognizes the Stipulation between Supernet and BellSouth and grants the Motion to Withdraw of Info Avenue, LLC.

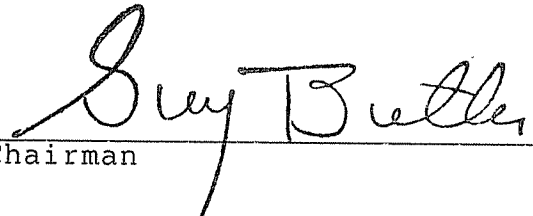
A public hearing was held in the matter on January 23, 1997, at 2:30 p.m. in the offices of the Commission with the Honorable Guy Butler, presiding. BellSouth was represented by Harry M. Lightsey, III, Esquire and William F. Austin, Esquire. BellSouth presented the testimony of F. D. Rice. The Commission Staff was present and represented by F. David Butler, General Counsel. The Staff presented Joseph W. Rogers as its witness. Further, the Commission heard from public witness Doug McClure of Aiken, South Carolina.

Order No. 96-19 places the burden in such an investigation as this on the company to show that the tariff is in the public interest. After hearing testimony from both BellSouth and from

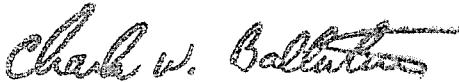
Staff, it appears that the testimony is largely in agreement that the tariff in question is in the public interest. For this reason, and since BellSouth carried its burden of showing the matter is in the public interest, we do not believe that any further action need take place on this tariff at this time.

This Order shall remain in full force and effect until further Order of the Commission.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:


Chairman

ATTEST:



Executive Director

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